



2021 MEDICAL MARIJUANA
PROGRAM REPORT TO THE
RHODE ISLAND GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
7/1/21 – 9/30/21

SEPTEMBER 2021

In accordance with the Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act, § 21-28.6-6(l), the Department of Health (RIDOH) respectfully submits this report on applications for the use of medical marijuana for symptom relief for the time-period of July 1, 2021, to September 30, 2021.

As of September 30, 2021, there were 19,129 active registered patients, 608 active registered caregivers and 645 active authorized purchasers.

The numbers listed above may differ slightly from the Annual Report because the report is looking at just active status. Therefore, if a license status changes during the time the reports are ran, the numbers will not match.

1) The number of applications for registrations as a qualifying patient, primary caregiver, or authorized purchaser made to RIDOH:

For the time-period of July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021, RIDOH received 757 new patient applications, 20 new caregiver applications and 29 new authorized purchaser applications.

2) The number of approved registrations for qualifying patients, primary caregivers, and authorized purchasers:

For the time-period of July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 RIDOH approved 838 patient registrations, 21 caregiver registrations and 35 authorized purchaser registrations.

The number of applications approved is larger than the number received due to there were a percentage of applications that were incomplete upon receipt prior to July 1, 2021. When we receive the requisite documentation and/or fees for incomplete applications, the application is approved and the registration is issued at that time.

3) The nature of the debilitating conditions of qualifying patients:

Practitioner Written Certifications contained the following debilitating conditions for the time-period of July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021:

Please note that many patients have more than one diagnosis code. Therefore, the count of diagnosis codes will always be higher than the number of patients.

Qualifying Debilitating Condition	Percentage of Total Patients	Number of Patients
Severe Debilitating, Chronic Pain	56.55%	596
Severe Nausea	8.06%	85
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	17.36%	183
Cancer or Treatment	7.31%	77
Severe and Persistent Muscle Spasms	5.03%	53
Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome	1.23%	13
Seizures, Including Epilepsy	1.71%	18
Glaucoma or Treatment	0.66%	7
Hepatitis C or Treatment	0.47%	5
Positive Status for HIV or Treatment	0.76%	8
Autism Spectrum Disorder	0.47%	5
Agitation Related to Alzheimer's	0.09%	1
AIDS or treatment	0.09%	1

4) The number of registrations revoked:

No registrations were revoked in accordance with §21-28.6-9 of the Act during the time-period of July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

5) Specializations, if any, of practitioners providing written certification for qualifying patients:

PLEASE NOTE: The percentages and patient count data listed below are based upon the total number of currently active patients. These percentages are grouped by profession then sorted by patient count per specialty.

Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients
Internal Medicine	4,129	40.80%
Family Practice	2,033	20.09%
Surgery	249	2.46%
Anatomic Pathology	19	0.19%
Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients

Neuropathology-Pathology	1	0.01%
Surgical Critical Care	231	2.28%
Neurology	556	5.49%
Rheumatology	326	3.22%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	166	1.64%
Medical Oncology	208	2.06%
Hematology	131	1.29%
Psychiatry	71	0.70%
Gastroenterology	54	0.53%
Orthopedic Surgery	58	0.57%
Neurologic Surgery	77	0.76%
Infectious Disease	63	0.62%
Pulmonary Disease	23	0.23%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	38	0.38%
Emergency Medicine	228	2.25%
Pediatrics	47	0.46%
Nephrology	25	0.25%
Ophthalmology	12	0.12%
Pediatric Infectious Disease	7	0.07%
Gynecologic Oncology	10	0.10%
Child Neurology	11	0.11%
Anesthesiology	15	0.15%
Pain Management-Anesthesiology	13	0.13%
Critical Care Medicine	1	0.01%
Urology	22	0.22%
Clinical Neurophysiology-Psychiatry & Neurology	9	0.09%
Geriatric Medicine-Internal Medicine	8	0.08%
Radiation Oncology	9	0.09%
Occupational Medicine	3	0.03%
Otolaryngology	6	0.06%
Allergy & Immunology	2	0.02%
Cardiovascular Disease	1	0.01%
Child Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	1	0.01%
Specialty	Number of Patients	Percentage of Total Patients

Thoracic Surgery	4	0.04%
Endocrinology Diabetes & Metabolism (IM)- Internal Medicine	2	0.02%
Geriatric Medicine- Family Practice	4	0.04%
Adolescent Medicine	1	0.01%
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry-Psychiatry & Neurology	2	0.02%
Dermatology	1	0.01%
Sports Medicine	1	0.01%
Diagnostic Radiology	1	0.01%